



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

FERREIRA et al.

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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 02, 2007, in which the Examiner required election of a single invention to which the claims shall be restricted, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the claims of **Group I** (claims 1-4, 15 and 18-20).

Applicants understand that this election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of the claims. Applicants also understand that, if a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 821.04. Applicants further reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention(s) should this restriction requirement be made final.

Applicants assert that this response is timely and that extensions of time are not required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Additionally, Applicants ask that the claims be amended as follows: